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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 1154

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PERP, NP, CH, UR, SNAR  
SUBJECT: REPORT OF MORE VISITS AND VISITING

REF: KATHMANDU 683

1. EMBASSY SOURCE, WHOSE INFORMATION WE BELIEVE TO BE RELIABLE, REPORTS THAT SPATE OF VISITS TO AND FROM NEPAL WILL CONTINUE WITH TWO SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONS. SPECIFICALLY, REPORT IS, FIRST, THAT KING WILL VISIT CHINA FOR 3-4 DAYS ON HIS WAY HOME FROM PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED VISIT TO JAPAN IN MAY. SECOND, SOVIET TRADE MINISTER WILL PAY VISIT TO KATHMANDU IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE THOUGH DATES NOT KNOWN.

2. COMMENT: PROPOSED SOVIET VISIT COMES AS LITTLE SURPRISE. THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS THAT RUSSIANS WOULD JOIN BANDWAGON OF HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION TO NEPAL, EITHER WITH VISIT HERE OF BY INVITING KING TO SOVIET UNION-OR POSSIBLY BOTH. REPORTED VISIT BY TRADE MINISTER NOT ONLY FITS WITHIN THAT PATTERN, BUT IS CONSISTENT WITH OFF AGAIN  
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ON AGAIN DISCUSSIONS GOING ON FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR (INCLUDING VISITS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS) ON HOW TRADE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, AND PARTICULARLY NEPALI EXPORTS TO SOVIET UNION, CAN BE INCREASED. IT ALSO UNFORTUNATELY RAISES SPECTRE OF POSSIBLE FURTHER SOVIET APPROACH ON PURCHASE OF NEPALESE OPIUM (KATHMANDU 944).

3. COMMENT CONT'D: POSSIBLE VISIT BY KING TO CHINA  
SOMEWHAT MORE SURPRISING. CHINA IS, HOWEVER, OBVIOUSLY  
ON WAY HOME FROM JAPAN AND KING HAS NOT BEEN TO PEKING  
SINCE 1973 WHEN HE MADE STATE VISIT (ALTHOUGH HE DID MAKE  
"FRIENDLY VISIT" TO TIBET AND SZECHUAN IN 1976). THERE ARE  
REPORTS THAT TENG INVITED KING AND FAMILY TO PAY INFORMAL  
PLEASURE VISIT TO CHINA AND THIS MAY BE ALL THAT IS INVOLVED.  
ON THE OTHER HAND, IT HAS BEEN PATTERN FOR FORMAL AGREEMENTS  
ON NEW CHINESE AID PROJECTS TO BE SIGNED IN CHINA DURING  
HIGH LEVEL VISITS. ASSUMING ONE OR MORE OF PROPOSALS DIS-  
CUSSED DURING TENG VISIT (REFTEL) WILL BE READY FOR SIGNATURE,  
THIS WOULD PROVIDE FURTHER RATIONALE.  
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